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I. Skeleton Outline of Foreign Office Structure

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1. The following is the structure of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in brief form:

- a. Minister of Foreign Affairs
- b. Cabinet of the Minister: This is the Minister's immediate office staff which handles his correspondence, as well as his executive arm.
- c. Protocol: In charge of all ceremonial and formal matters concerning the Foreign Office.
- d. Supervisory (Presidial) Department: This office deals with the Council of Ministers and other Ministerial bodies, and names Foreign Office Representatives to negotiate on this level; also issues credentials to Hungarian representatives going abroad.
 - i. Supervisory Section: Presumably includes some of the functions attributed to the Supervisory Department.

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- iii. Supply Section: Handles budgetary matters and services the Minister, legations, and Consulates in the procurement of office supplies, furniture, vehicles, rentals, and related matters.
- e. Political Department: This office receives all political reports from Hungarian diplomatic stations abroad. Political reporting and commenting is farmed out among a number of specialists.
- i. Western Section
- ii. Eastern Section
- f. Administrative Department: This office issues diplomatic passports and clearance for Foreign Office personnel to leave Hungary. It runs the telephone exchange, communications unit, and courier service of the Foreign Office. A special security unit of members of the State Defense Department is set up within this Department.
- g. Department of Economic Policy: This office supervises foreign trade matters, trade agreements, questions of international finance, and related matters, including international transport and communications.
- h. Legal Department: This office deals with matters of international public law, extraditions, observation of international treaties and obligations, international private and criminal law, and related matters.
- i. Consular Department: This office handles passport and visa matters, as well as exercising control in matters affecting prisoners of war, Hungarian workers abroad, and questions which might reasonably be expected to fall within the competence of the consular service.
- j. Information Department: This office handles press releases and interviews with the press as well as propaganda activities of various sorts.
2. The Ministry has been in a constant state of reorganization since 1945. The offices which are now known as "Departments" were called "Sections" until November 1948. A number of such offices have been eliminated: e.g., the Section for Social Policy, Section for War Prisoners, Section for Passports and Visas (incorporated into the Consular Department in November 1948), Cultural Section, and Press Section (the last two offices were merged in November 1948 into the present Information Department).

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